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Lottery's £1m is 'huge opportunity' for estate

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CITY estate has landed a huge £1million windfall from the National Lottery.

From today, the cash will be available to residents of Conniburrow to spend on projects they feel will benefit and improve their estate.

Representatives from the Big Local, an organisation set up by the Big Lottery Fund, will be visiting Conniburrow to raise awareness of the cash, which will be available over the next ten years.

David Livermore from Community Action MK, which is helping with the scheme, said: "I think this is absolutely fantastic. It's an opportunity for organisations and groups to support people in Conniburrow to develop their own solutions and create change."

The money is being provided as part of a £200million nationwide scheme, in which 150 places will receive cash.

Milton Keynes Council has also been working behind the scenes on the scheme.

Councillor Andrew Morris, cabinet member responsible for growth and development, said: "We are delighted Conniburrow has been selected to be a part of this groundbreaking national initiative.

"This is a huge opportunity, and one that we will be proud to support."

Areas have been chosen to receive the cash based on a number of different factors, including the levels of grant support they already receive, deprivation, crime and unemployment.

But Conniburrow came 13th in the council's recent Social Atlas table of those estates deemed to be 'worst off', which is based on similar information. This has led some people to question the decision to award the money to the estate.

Netherfield resident Joyce Hall said: "According to the Social Atlas Netherfield is more deserving. We could do with more funding."

Councillor Steve Coventry, who represents Beanhill and Coffee Hall, added: "I call on the Lottery to have a look again to see if it can allocate money to deprived areas in my ward."

■ What do you think? E-mail letters@mk-news.co.uk.

More new jobs on the way to city

ANOTHER 40 new jobs will be created in Milton Keynes to provide yet more cheer for the city.

MK NEWS revealed last week that the new Network Rail Headquarters will bring 1,000 jobs along with it.

And a week earlier we were first to report that 600 new positions will be created at a new Centro:MK distribution and manufacturing facility in Wymbush.

Now, the further 40 jobs have been created following the launch of Home Instead Senior Care – a new service designed to help older people in the city.

The company specialises in non-medical care for the elderly but it is all done from within their own homes.

Business owners Sarah Bove and Sue Prosky are on the look-out for people to join their team.

Sue said: "We need people who want a rewarding and flexible career delivering care to people in their own homes.

"We offer full training so experience is not necessary but candidates must be caring, compassionate and keen to learn."

The two women have worked together for 20 years in the hotel and hospitality industry.

Home Instead – formed when the duo came to realise that it was not always easy to find high-quality at-home care – has its city base in Olney.

"We are really excited to bring this service to Milton Keynes," Ms Bove added.

For more information, visit www.homeinstead.co.uk/miltonkeynes.

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Calls for a crossing after girl hit by car

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A 16-YEAR-OLD girl was taken to hospital yesterday after being hit by a car, sparking renewed calls for a pedestrian crossing.

The girl was struck on the same stretch of road where 12-year-old Barrie Fraser was killed in December 2003.

Another boy was trapped under a double decker bus in the same part of the V7 Saxon Street, between the Eaglestone and Coffee Hall roundabouts, in 2007.

Now Woughton ward councillors have renewed their calls to have a pedestrian crossing installed there - and say they won't stop campaigning until they have one.

Councillor Steve Coventry said: "The amount of people crossing that road on a daily basis is phenomenal - we desperately need a crossing there."

Fellow ward councillor Hannah O'Neill also said something has to be done. She added: "I don't know how many more people have to get hurt before the council realises something has to happen."

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said there is a comprehensive network of redways, underpasses, overbridges and footbridges across the city to keep pedestrians safe.

He added: "This specific issue was raised at cabinet last year and it was agreed the crossing provision on this stretch of the V7, a very prominent footbridge, was sufficient for people to cross without any interaction with traffic."

A holiday in Milton Keynes?: Cyclists can now book breaks in Milton Keynes

Tourists can book biking breaks to city

IT MAY not be the most obvious holiday destination but one travel company thinks the city is perfect for pedal power.

Wheel2Wheel Holidays has launched an MK cycling break – the very first of its kind.

From £179, cyclists can enjoy four days and three nights, with accommodation, bike hire, maps and suggested routes all part of the deal.

The company believes that the city's 250km of cycle paths and 4,500 acres of parkland are reasons why visitors will want to get out and about on two wheels.

The self-guided tours can be tailored to individual needs but Wheel2Wheel has suggested taking in sights such as Bletchley Park, stadiummk and the concrete cows.

A page promoting Milton Keynes on the company's website claims that 'as you ride among the steel and glass, you get a real sense of riding into the future'.

Wheel2Wheel's Chris Bird said: "The city is a cyclists' dream with plenty of history and culture to entertain.

"We are delighted to offer cycling tours to unusual destinations to give cyclists the opportunity to explore untapped areas.

"We hope visitors from the UK and abroad will sample what the city has to offer."

Carys Underwood, from Destination MK, added: "In many ways cycling is the very best way to discover a whole other side of Milton Keynes."

Special officers receive honour

TEN members of the Milton Keynes Special Constabulary have been honoured for their work during last year's disorder in the city and London.

The team covered shifts and helped frontline officers deal with violent disorder when police numbers were short due to the riots in the capital.

They have received a Shrievalty Award, presented by the three High Sheriffs of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, which recognises outstanding and exceptional police work.

On your marks for running festival

THE MK festival of running takes place on Sunday with a half-marathon, 10k and 5k race all part of the itinerary.

Each race starts and finishes outside Xscape in CMK and 5,000 runners are expected to take to the city's redways and grid roads.

First off will be the 5k runners at 10am, who will run their short loop through Fishermead, Oldbrook, Eaglestone and Springfield.

The 10k race will start at 10.10am and the half-marathon will follow at 10.25am with both races starting with a stretch down the V7 Saxon Street and the H9 Groveway.

Runners will then turn up towards Woolstone where the races separate – the 10k runners will begin to head back towards Xscape, while the half marathon athletes will take a redway circuit around Willen Lake, Broughton and Middleton before they reach the finish.

There will be rolling road closures between 10 and 11am on the V7 and H9 and diversions.

Volunteers from the Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club will steward the event.

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Launch: Jonathan Wilkes, *right*, and Gareth Gates, *second from right*, with some of the academy students

Stars launch their own showbiz school

TWO stars of the stage were in the city this week to launch their new performing arts academy.

Gareth Gates and Jonathan Wilkes helped to open the new facility at Stantonbury Campus on Monday and welcomed new recruits.

Already, about 50 children have signed up to the all-singing, all-dancing Gates & Wilkes Academy, which will teach them the 'triple-threat' of singing, dancing and drama and prepare them for the world of showbiz.

Jonathan said: "This is to instill confidence and for them to learn the right things in the industry.

"It's a great opportunity to pass on what we have done to the young up-and-coming stars."

Gareth added: "Milton Keynes is very well known for its theatre – all the big shows come here. I was here for panto and Jonathan was nearby in Aylesbury and that's why we did it here."

To read the interview with Gareth and Jonathan in full, visit www.mk-news.co.uk

Closure threat at town pre-school

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PRE-SCHOOL which looks after about 50 children is in danger of closure unless it can find new premises.

But although the chairman of Northern Pastures, Jayne Elrick, couldn't guarantee it would remain open, she is confident they can find somewhere new.

She said: "I can't say yes or no, but I'm hopeful – that's all I can say.

"We have told the parents that we have got things in the pipeline and we are doing everything in our power to get us new premises."

The pre-school, which currently rents two rooms at Portfields School in Westbury Lane, Newport Pagnell, is having to move out as the school is expanding so it can accommodate all of its children next year.

Headteacher Mary St-Amour said: "We feel very, very sorry to move them, but I've got to be responsible in housing Portfields pupils."

Ms Elrick said the school has been very helpful and has now extended Northern Pasture's stay until June 1 to allow it extra time to find a new home.

Milton Keynes Council has been actively supporting the pre-school and a spokesman said a couple of potential premises have been identified, with discussions under way. If you think you might be able to help, e-mail chairperson@northernpastures.co.uk.

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Driving instructor jailed

A DRIVING instructor who sexually assaulted two pupils was jailed for a year on Thursday. Thomas Cook, 60, indecently touched a woman in July 2008 and a teenager in November 2010. Cook, of Christie Close, Newport Pagnell, pleaded not guilty to two charges of sexual assault but was found guilty at Aylesbury Crown Court.

Museums honour Turing

THREE of the world's top computing museums are collaborating to host three events with live recorded webcasts to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Alan Turing. The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park will join another in California and one in Germany to discuss Turing's contribution over the next three months.

Police continue hunt for rapist

POLICE have released a description of a man who raped a teenage girl in an alleyway.

He is black, about 30 years old, 5ft 8ins, slim, with dark hair, a goatee beard and a moustache.

He was wearing black baggy tracksuit bottoms, a black hooded top and black pumps.

The attack happened off Marjoram Place, Conniburrow, between 8 and 8.40pm last Tuesday.

DI Amanda Blake said: "We are keen to hear from anyone who saw any suspicious activity or anyone matching the man's description in the area."

Anyone with information should call the CID team on 101.

Bowl's stage dismantled

THE 'unsafe' stage at the National Bowl is being taken down.

Some of the world's biggest bands have performed on it but it has now failed structural examinations and can't be used.

Bowl owners the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has received strong recommendations to act from the Milton Keynes Safety Advisory Group.

Organisers of the last two shows brought their own staging.

Work began yesterday and the removal will take a week.

Matt Foulis, area manager for the HCA, said: "Despite being an iconic structure, the stage is old, unsafe and is actually restricting full use of the site."

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Control drug use with a distribution centre

SIR - I was interested in the story concerning the status of khat in the UK ('Community takes action over drug', MK NEWS, February 22).

In the 1960s the then Colonial Government of Aden found that they could not prevent the widespread sale of khat by drug dealers so they decided to control it by setting up a distribution centre where the drug was dispensed by a government agency. Making it illegal will undoubtedly drive it underground.

Kenneth Newton
Bletchley

Decision-makers not affected by schemes

SIR - I suppose the people who decided to put this unit in the old White Hart in West Bletchley ('Mental heath unit gets the go-ahead', MK NEWS, February 22) are the same people who decided we need a mosque in the Plough.

They are people who don't live anywhere near and who are completely unaffected by it.

Robin Salt
Sent by e-mail

Is expansion of the store really needed?

SIR - I am disappointed at the rhetoric flowing from the management at John Lewis and the shopping centre seeking to justify encroachment into Middleton Hall by the store ('John Lewis asked to halt expansion', MK NEWS, February 15).

The truth is that the area involved will provide a minuscule increased floorspace for the store but have a significant impact on the only remaining open space in the centre.

Can this really be the linchpin in their otherwise welcome multi-million pound refurbishment plan? Is it a need or a want?

If, as the centre management say, they wish the centre to be 'a place you can stay and be more sociable' they could start by reinstating Queens Court and removing some of the posh market stalls which now litter the arcades and stifle circulation. They don't increase footfall just rental.

Maybe more consideration should also be given to external access rather than closing [sorry, they prefer the term 'changing'] an important grid road which has already caused chaos and cost ratepayers a lot of money.

Perhaps any further shopping centre expansion should be onto Midsummer Boulevard, which has already been ruined!

Most alarming in all this, however, is the deafening silence from our elected representatives.

Name and address supplied

Call to stand up for our health service

SIR - The NHS is one of the most important local services that I know of.

As a new city, we need a growing health service ready and able to serve everyone.

I am asking for people's support to help stand up for our NHS in Milton Keynes.

The Government's Health and Social Care Bill would force a free market free-for-all on our local health service.

As you may have seen on TV and in the papers, the Government's controversial plans will divert millions away from patient care at a time when pressure on local resources is greater than it has ever been.

Last year Milton Keynes Hospital closed two wards, which may now be leased out to a private health clinic; waiting lists are rising and services are being squeezed.

The controversial plans are opposed by doctors, nurses, midwives and patients groups.

Even some Conservative MPs are now speaking out against the plans.

What you can do:

1. Sign the open letter to our two Conservative MPs in Milton Keynes and urge them to think again on their flawed plans for the NHS.

2. Ask your fiends to help send a clear message to our two MPs - it is time drop the bill. Remember, together we can make a difference.

Andrew Pakes
Labour and Co-operative Parliamentary spokesman for Milton Keynes

Flourishing area has become a ghost town

SIR - Following your story 'Calls for high street to be regenerated' (MK NEWS, January 25).

As a resident of Bletchley for more than 40 years, I have seen the town centre as a flourishing place. In the 1970s it attracted shoppers and now it has become a ghost town.

There are several reasons and it is not easy to revive it in the present economic situation.

When Queensway was developed in the 1980s there were only two big shops - Sainsbury's and the Co-op - in the entire Bletchley area.

The building of a big Tesco supermarket has taken shoppers from Bletchley and the surrounding areas as it is bigger with plenty of free parking. In addition, shoppers from West Bletchley prefer to go to the Asda supermarket, which is nearer.

A large amount of money was spent on the regeneration of Queensway in the name of a 'better Bletchley'. However, some of the shops were closed after a short period of operation and the band stand is used as a meeting place for youngsters as it is a convenient drinking place for them.

I agree that there should be shops that cater for low income groups, but there are too many of them competing with each other. In the Agora units are always available for renting.

The decline of the town centre is due to high rents, no new buildings and a lack of parking spaces.

The Co-op building has been left empty for years. There was a proposal to build a new library but this has been shelved.

The town centre requires massive investment to modernise it and attract middle income groups and families to Bletchley.

There should be a proper cultural centre and the shops should be unique to attract people from outside the area.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

Be open over plans

SIR - It is quite clear from the two damning investigations into local bridges that Milton Keynes Council can't manage routine repairs, let alone an emergency like the fire at Secklow Gate bridge ('Report highlights inspection failing' and 'Bridge delay shows 'deep' weaknesses', MK NEWS, January 25).

But although the fresh enquiry into Secklow Gate bridge exposes serious weaknesses at the highest levels, a nagging question remains. Why was there no attempt whatsoever to reopen the road to traffic? Technically, this was perfectly possible.

Last year, following a far more serious fire underneath the M1, the elevated road was propped up and reopened to traffic within 36 hours. Yet in CMK the bridge was simply propped up, at massive expense, and closed for 18 months. It's no wonder people are suspicious of what caused the delays.

If Xplain and MK NEWS had not exposed the growing scandal, would it still be closed today?

We will probably never know the truth, but at least bureaucrats and councillors know the public is watching.

We now need the council and its new political leaders to break with the past and handle any future plans to redesign our city centre with the transparency and fairness that such important matters demand.

Linda Inoki
Leader of Xplain

Please continue to help

SIR - I have recently been elected as chairman of the Milton Keynes branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

As a fundraising branch we have been operating for 18 months and may I thank most sincerely everyone who has donated to our cause over the past years and especially during 2011, when the sum raised was £11,000. I would also like to express my thanks and appreciation to my committee colleagues along with all the volunteers who generously give up their time to help our endeavours.

It is not generally known that the RNLI is not in receipt of any Government funding and relies entirely on donations from the public.

We will be attending many of the outdoor events throughout the summer, as well as holding our usual bucket collections. Our next event is on March 8 at the White Horse in Stony Stratford when the acapella group Five Men Not Called Matt will be putting on a fundraising performance for us. All are welcome to this free event.

I look forward to meeting you all at the events so that together we can continue to educate youngsters to respect the power of water and save lives.

Rod Law

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Wind power: Pupils at Long Meadow Primary School with a model of the turbine

Turbine to put wind in kids' sails

CHILDREN had reason to celebrate this week after Milton Keynes Council approved plans for a micro wind turbine.

Pupils at Long Meadow Primary School in Shenley Brook End are delighted that they are one step closer to becoming one of the foremost 'green' schools in the country.

Deputy headteacher David Morley said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have received support from both Milton Keynes Council and Shenley Brook End Parish Council for our plans."

The school will also install solar panels.

Once both of these additions are fully functioning, they will provide power to the school and feed electricity back into the National Grid.

The school will receive an income for this.

Other schools in the city, such as Oakgrove School and Water Hall School in Bletchley, have taken similar initiatives and erected wind turbines.

Man found spying inside public toilet

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A PEEPING Tom has been caught spying on a man in public toilets.

Ian Bates, 31, of Mellish Court, Bletchley, originally pleaded not guilty to voyeurism but changed his plea just before his trial was due to start at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last Wednesday.

On September 12, 2011, Bates sat in a cubicle and watched the victim through a hole, roughly the size of a five pence coin, while he was using the urinal at the toilets in Albert Street, Bletchley.

The court heard that when a police officer asked him what he was doing he said he was 'having a rest'.

When his home was searched following the incident a large amount of homosexual pornography was found.

In a statement read out to the court, the victim explained the incident had deeply affected him.

It read: "When I tell people about it they think it's funny."

Bates' solicitor explained he was dyslexic and had spent much of his childhood in a therapeutic centre.

She said he has difficulty understanding everything that is explained to him and had not planned the incident.

When the case was adjourned Bates crossed his fingers and held them up to show his mother who was sat in the public gallery. He was released on unconditional bail and is due to be sentenced at the same court on March 23.

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Missing boy, 14, found

A BOY whose family were desperately searching for him by putting up posters across the city has been found in Bedford.

Michael West, 14, from Netherfield, went missing on February 16 and was found last Wednesday.

MP's rail jobs invite

MP MARK Lancaster has invited Secretary of State for Economics, Justine Greening, to visit Network Rail in Milton Keynes to celebrate the 1,000 jobs that have been created for city residents. Last week, MK NEWS exclusively revealed the jobs have been created as part of the huge Quadrant:MK development. Ms Greening said she would 'be delighted' to visit.

Trust is hunting bunting record

EVER wanted to be involved in a world record attempt to create the longest bunting?

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For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the trust needs people to create their own triangles, with a Commonwealth-themed design, to tie together to try to break the current record.

That stands at 1.7 miles, so the trust is aiming for 12,500 triangles to reach a huge 2.5 miles.

To download a bunting template and get more details see www.theparkstrust.com. The deadline for entries to Campbell Park Pavilion is Friday, May 25.

Teenagers' knife threat terror

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy and 15-year-old girl were robbed at knifepoint for a bus ticket.

The teenagers were walking along Aylesbury Street towards The Square in Wolverton at about 5pm on Saturday when they were confronted by a drunken man who threatened them with a knife and took the ticket.

He walked off in the direction of Radcliffe School.

The man is white, about 25, 5ft 10in, of a medium build with short mousey-brown hair. He was wearing a red and black checked shirt and blue jeans. Anyone with information should call 101.

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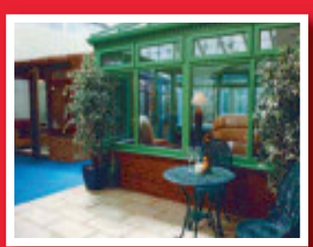

Springing into action: Firefighters arrive at the scene last night

Emergency crews are put to the test

BY DAN PALMER
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A SERIOUS fire threatened to rip through Midsummer Place last night.

Two separate blazes caught hold on two different floors of the shopping centre and a number of people were reported missing.

The city's emergency services swung into action and faced an extraordinary challenge, but luckily none of it was for real.

It was all part of a top secret training exercise called Operation Shakespeare, designed to test readiness and procedures should a real disaster strike.

Unwitting staff had no idea that they would suddenly be called into action as part of the drill until a 999 call at about 8pm.

A fire alarm sounded within Midsummer Place and staff and shoppers were evacuated before the lights went out.

Fire crews armed with hoses arrived and wore full protective gear and the police cordoned off the car park outside Debenhams.

Fire crews bring out the hoses in the Midsummer Place loading bay

Dummies were placed to represent the missing people.

Midsummer Place, the police, ambulance service and Milton Keynes Council were all involved alongside Bucks Fire and Rescue.

Greg Smith, service delivery manager for the fire service, said: "In order to make this as rigorous and realistic a test as possible for all the agencies involved, it was important that the exercise took place without advance warning.

"Although this was an exercise, everyone worked extremely hard as if it were a real incident."

Firefighters check and put on breathing apparatus during the scenario in the city centre

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Victim dealt drugs on the day he died

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A TEENAGER gunned down in an alleyway with a friend had been trying to deal cannabis, a murder jury was told yesterday.

Mohammed Abdi Farah, 19, who was shot along with his friend Amin Ahmed Ismail, 18, in an alleyway off Fishermead Boulevard on May 26 last year, told a 17-year-old boy he was going to make a 'quick bit of money'.

The 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said he had loaned Mohammed £70.

He told the jury: "He said he was going to buy weed and make a quick bit of money out of it.

"He lectured me and told me not to do it so I don't end up in prison. He told me the consequences."

He said Mohammed had stored a stash of cannabis - 13 small bags in a larger bag - in his bedroom on the day before he died.

The next morning Mohammed had been before Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court. After that they had both gone to Trim's barbers where they met Amin.

The boy left to play football and later met Mohammed and Amin near the XLN takeaway in Fishermead.

They walked to the Xscape building and met some youths outside where Mohammed offered them cannabis. The boy then went home.

Later that night Mohammed and Amin were killed.

Three men are standing trial at St Albans Crown Court accused of their murders.

Yahya Harun, 21, of Fishermead Boulevard, Sharmake Abdulkadir, 21, of The Fleet, Springfield, and Fuad Awale, 24, of no fixed abode, have pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder.

Mr Abdulkadir has also been charged with possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life.

Opening the case, prosecutor Ben Gumpert said: "The prosecution case is that Awale was a drug dealer.

"Abdulkadir was found to have a significant quantity of drugs in his house when he was arrested.

"One of the victims had been selling drugs on the day of the shootings. A dispute over 'drug turf', where individuals establish the right - if that is the word - to sell drugs seems the likely motive for the killing."

The case continues.

Victims: Mohammed Abdi Farah, *above*, and Amin Ahmed Ismail

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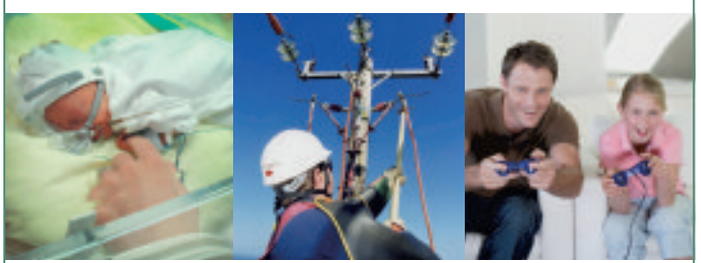

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Major issues on meeting agenda

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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Libraries decision: Protestors outside Stony Stratford Library last year

THREE big issues that have caused uproar among residents right across the city were expected to be decided upon at a meeting last night.

The future of city libraries, four nurseries and the development of a travellers' site were all on the agenda for a meeting of the decision-making cabinet at Milton Keynes Council.

In 2010 four council-run nurseries - Westcroft, Wolverton, Little Chestnuts in Bletchley and Fledglings in Kents Hill - were earmarked for closure, but last night new operators were expected to be chosen for each one.

Acorn Childcare Ltd had applied to run three, while Kids Play Ltd had applied for all four.

Meanwhile, the long-running saga of whether or not to build ten pitches for travellers in Fenny Lock was set to be ended.

The Conservatives pledged an investigation would be carried out into whether or not the scheme was value for money when they took control of the council last May.

Now a report recommending it is not good value for money was set to be adopted last night.

It suggests, following 'an extensive consultation process', that the remaining £1.2million from a Government grant earmarked for the site be invested in new wheelchair-standard bungalows instead.

Finally, following a three-month public consultation which ended in January, the cabinet was due to be presented with a report setting out how £499,000 of savings can be made in the council's library services, without any closures. This was also expected to be adopted.

Conservative council leader, Andrew Geary, said: "It ensures there's a sustainable future for libraries in Milton Keynes - we are not cutting or closing them."

■ To find out what decisions were taken at last night's meeting, visit www.mk-news.co.uk and see next Wednesday's MK NEWS.

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Play area sparks further problems

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A FIRE which could have put people's lives in danger has led to further calls for a problem play area to be removed.

The blaze, which is currently being treated as arson, was started in a pile of building materials, next to a house in Middleton where the occupants were asleep, at 2.30am on Saturday.

Thanks to the quick actions of neighbours the fire brigade was called and the flames put out.

But one of the neighbours, who has asked to remain anonymous for fear of reprisal, said the incident could have been much worse.

And he believes it is connected to a spate of antisocial behaviour in the area after a playground was built in nearby Far Holme as part of a development called Claridge Park.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the playground has been closed and is awaiting removal.

The neighbour said: "The houses around there are all wooden-clad timber houses, so they all could have gone up.

"The guys in there were asleep, we couldn't rouse them - if my wife hadn't been awake you don't know what would've happened.

"I think it's opportunistic retribution for the play area - I think that's what it's all about."

He added that incidents in the area are now getting so bad he is considering moving his family away after only two years there.

A spokesman for Crest Nicholson, the developer which erected the playground, said: "The creation of a play area at Claridge Park was stipulated under the planning agreement.

"We take any issues at our developments very seriously and, following discussions with the council, we are in the process of submitting an updated planning application so that the play area can be removed and replaced with a professionally landscaped area."

Milton Keynes Council has confirmed it has met with Crest Nicholson to discuss details of removing the play area and an application is due in March/April.

Problem: The playground which residents want removed

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Lessons in how to keep homes warm

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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BUILDERS are receiving training on how to properly insulate people's homes.

Wolverton Steering Group has been awarded £30,000 from the Department of Energy and Climate Change allowing it to launch 'Future Wolverton Future Energy'.

During the project three local building companies will be fully trained in the installation of solid wall insulation in Victorian properties so homeowners can feel confident builders can improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

Correct training is vital because up to 85 per cent of heating can be lost through poorly insulated external walls.

The project is using a property owned by the MK Christian Foundation in Wolverton as a case study, which is home to young people who are currently between houses.

The 1860s end-of-terrace house will receive an eco-friendly revamp, including solid wall insulation, energy efficient white goods, a new boiler and potentially new roof insulation.

The steering group hopes that this will achieve a reduction of 60 per cent in carbon emissions.

Saving energy: Elsie Bryant, *right*, and Marie Osbourne from the Wolverton Steering Group with Dan Hicking from the Christian Foundation, students and some of the insulation that is being used

Marie Osborne, from the group, said: "The project aims to promote a variety of energy efficient home solutions and improvements, with specific advice being given to those living in a conservation area who might find it difficult to navigate the rules and regulations around the structural changes they can make.

"Future Wolverton Future Energy will really help our local residents to make their homes warmer, more energy efficient and more cost effective."

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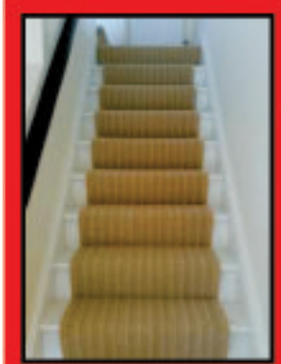

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Campaign: Linda Yearsley is backing Prisoners Abroad charity

Mum is fighting for rights of prisoners

A MOTHER who has been campaigning against the harsh conditions Britons face in overseas prisons has seen her efforts recognised by the House of Lords.

In 2010 Linda Yearsley was told her son had been detained in Sao Paulo and since then she has been raising money for the charity Prisoners Abroad and relentlessly writing to the Government about the issue.

Earlier this month Ms Yearsley was invited to the House of Lords to discuss the inhumane conditions and cruel treatment of prisoners abroad.

She said: "It's every mother's nightmare to find out your son is being detained.

"I got my son back but not everyone is so lucky .

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Budget changes agreed

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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MILLIONS of pounds for pavement repairs, continued free bulk waste collections and a potential lifeline for a charity on the brink of closure.

Those were three of the last minute changes to Milton Keynes Council's budget for 2012/13 - the second in two years that is making sweeping cuts.

But they caused some councillor infighting at the budget meeting last Tuesday.

Among about £19million in savings this year, there will be £5million available for the improvement of redways and pavements as part of a £10million programme.

The council now also has the funds available for a six-month continuation of a contract with Home-Start - the charity which caters for vulnerable families and is facing closure - but this is only if the authority needs additional provision for that kind of service.

The Junior Trippers bus discount for under 16s will still be 35p, and pensioners will now not have to pay to have a community alarm installed.

But these changes prompted a political furore as they were Labour amendments accepted by the Conservative administration, while all but one of those put forward by the Liberal Democrats were voted down.

It even prompted Lib Dem councillor Isobel McCall to announce on social networking site Twitter that she thought there was 'a pact' between the two parties - something denied by both Labour and the Tories.

Council and Conservative leader Andrew Geary said: "The Labour group came to us with a list of concessions and were prepared to do business - they negotiated hard, as did we, and we came to an amicable agreement.

"We had no such approach from the other side."

Labour group leader Norman Miles said: "Of course there's no pact - this happened as the result of some pretty tough negotiations, that's what happens in real life."

Liberal Democrat leader Sam Crooks was disappointed his party's changes were not adopted.

He said: "In a sense it's the Conservative's budget so they should reach out and look for support - I didn't get an invite to talk to them and on the other hand I didn't ask Andrew Geary."

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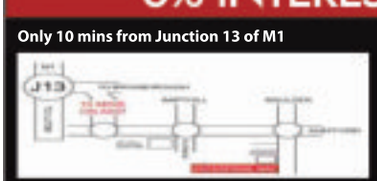

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Residents leap into action to mark day

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Georgie-Mai Mckee, of Old Farm Park, celebrates her real birthday for the first time today.

Her grandmother, Linda Kimber, said: "She understands that she has a special birthday, she's been telling everyone that she is four and one."

And Georgie is not the only birthday girl.

Karen English, of Fullers Slade, is 40 today, but this is only the tenth time she's been able to celebrate her real birthday.

Anita Bandy, of Kents Hill, would also like to wish her little boy a very happy birthday.

Kyle Bandy was born on February 29, 2008 so, like Georgie-Mai, this will be his first official birthday.

Another birthday boy, Tony Pringle, of Bletchley, is celebrating his 60th birthday today. He was an ambulance technician for the Buckinghamshire Ambulance Service for 30 years until retiring in April. He still works part-time at Bletchley Resource Centre and all of his colleagues wish him a happy birthday.

Special birthday wishes also go out to Lucy Crabtree, of Emerson Valley, who is celebrating her second official birthday today.

Turning 18 is a big day for anyone but it's even more exciting if you've been waiting 72 years and to mark the occasion Neville Gray has organised a party for more than 80 friends and family.

And unusual birthdays aren't the only thing that makes this day stand out.

Traditionally February 29 is a day when women can propose to their partners and that is exactly what Sue Barrett, of Hodge Lea, did eight years ago.

Her husband Derek said: "Leap years are rather special for us to take stock of our lives and remember our fabulous wedding."

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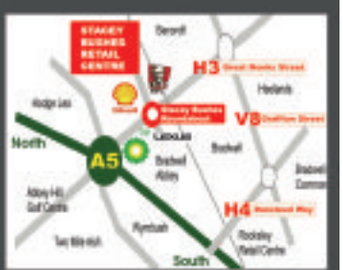

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Graham hopes to make a difference

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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THE youngest candidate for this year's local elections kicked started his campaign with a visit from Milton Keynes' Member of the European Parliament (MEP).

Ousedale sixth former, Graham Findley, has just turned 18 and is still studying for his A-levels but said he is dedicated to his campaign to represent his home town on Milton Keynes Council.

He said: "I think I'll get the balance right.

"It will be hard work but I think I'll cope well with the challenge."

The Green candidate, who will be standing for the seat in Newport Pagnell North in May's elections, has spent the last two years working with the Youth Parliament.

He said: "Being young means that I have the energy and enthusiasm to really want to help people.

"I want to make a change on a small scale."

Green MEP, Keith Taylor, visited Graham to formally launch his campaign on Thursday.

He said: "Greens have positive and comprehensive plans for the city and I know Graham will make a very positive input into civic life."

Hopeful: Graham Findley in Newport Pagnell High Street

Graham was delighted to have the opportunity to meet the MEP.

He said: "It was really good to meet someone from the Green party who is hugely influential."

Previously Graham was a member of the Labour Party but he became disillusioned with its failure to support ordinary people.

He said: "I feel like the other three parties have very similar polices.

"Newport Pagnell is a small area but I want to make changes that will help people, like youth clubs during holidays."

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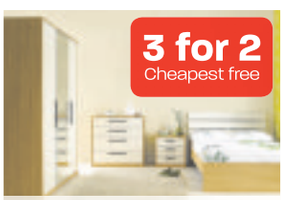

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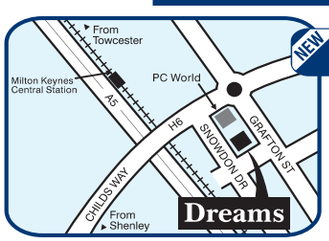

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Domestic violence refuge for victims

BY DAN PALMER

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A SAFE haven for women and children who are the victims of domestic violence has been opened in the city.

The refuge provides a place for families to receive care and support and its location has to remain a secret to protect them.

Local charity Milton Keynes Women's Aid – known as MKACT – runs the facility, which has been purpose built to meet the needs of its users.

Those in need will be able to use communal spaces for group activities and personal development programmes while re-building their lives in a calm environment.

MKACT chairman, Andrea Vincent, said: "There has been an amazingly generous response from local individuals, charitable organisations and businesses to the appeal for help to furnish and equip the new refuge.

"Over £27,000 has been raised, as well as cushions and quilts made by local groups, and all this makes the refuge warm, welcoming and well equipped."

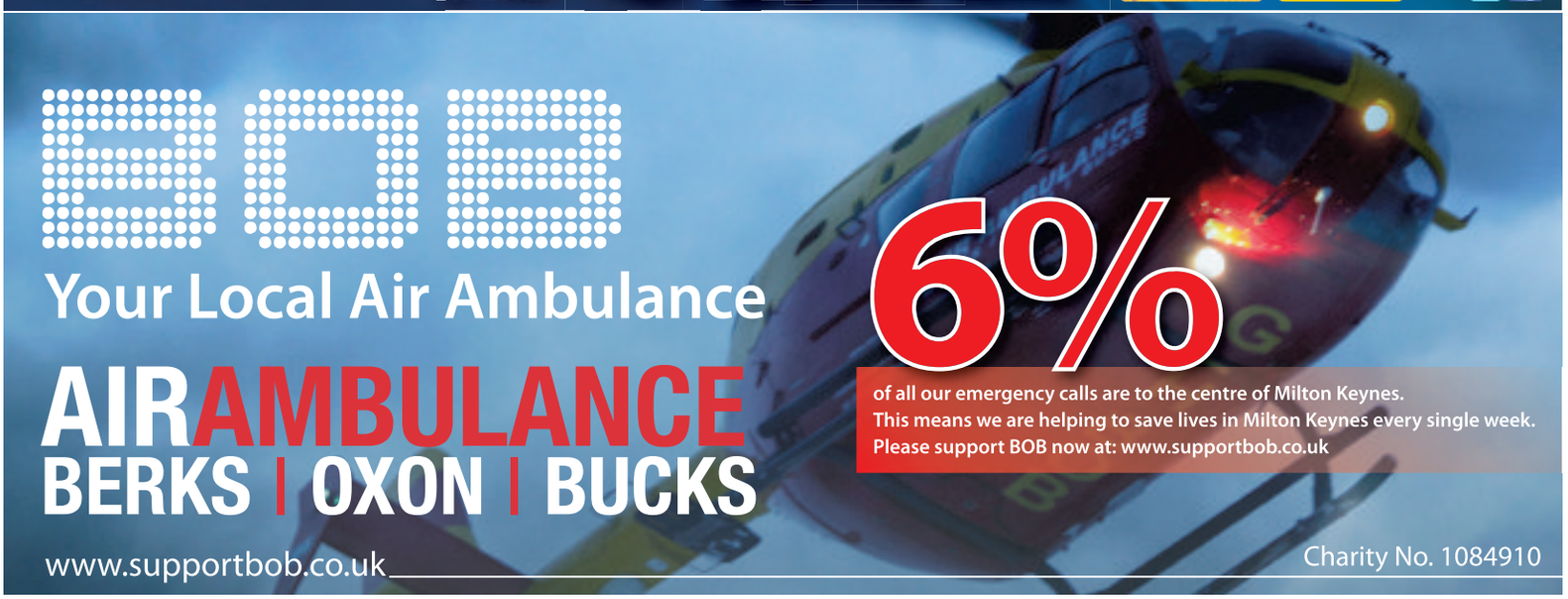
The opening of the refuge – which was officially carried out by city mayor Alan Richards – has resulted in mixed feelings for the charity.

Its construction is a significant achievement but the fact that Milton Keynes still needs to provide a place for women to be safe puts things into context.

"Last year, we supported 63 women in a refuge but were unable to accommodate a further 179 requests as the refuge was full," Mrs Vincent added.

Milton Keynes Women's Aid has been providing emergency accommodation in the area for more than 35 years.

It is commissioned by the local authority to run a domestic violence service in the city, which provides help, advice and information.



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Diamond plan to celebrate jubilee

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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IF YOU'RE struggling for ideas to help the Queen celebrate her Diamond Jubilee this summer, then look no further.

That's because a weekend packed with carnival fun for all the family could be just the ticket.

West Bletchley Council has announced its 11th annual carnival will now take place on the Jubilee Weekend of June 2-3.

The first day will see the town's streets come alive as the Carnival Parade leaves Melrose Avenue at noon and heads for Rickley Park.

There the paraders and visitors will be greeted by more than 100 stalls, a main live entertainment stage, face painters, a fairground, food and a bar.

This year's theme for the parade is The Commonwealth, so organisers are hoping for lots of culturally creative and colourful designs.

On the Sunday, a 'double jubilee' day is taking place, with two debut events.

The Big Picnic Lunch will be taking place at Rickley Park, when people can take their hampers and rugs to enjoy live music and school sports day games.

On their soapbox: One of last year's derby competitors

Then the Jubilee Soapbox Derby will see manmade carts take to the streets, with a prize for the fastest and the team that raises the most money for charity.

Last year's carnival raised more than £10,000 for charity and this year's beneficiary is Whaddon Way Community Projects.

Culture and events co-ordinator for West Bletchley Council, Gennaro Corrado, said: "We are proud to announce these exciting events for the jubilee weekend.

"The Queen's jubilee will see more people get involved than previous years, it is all very positive and we are looking forward to residents playing their part and having fun.

"Let's just keep our fingers crossed the sun makes a welcome return."

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Second retirement home opens in city

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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BECOMING a pensioner is something we all have to come to terms with eventually but the opening of Shenley Wood Village has made it that bit easier for nearly 200 people in the city.

Most of us would hope that we'd have someone to grow old with and it's unlikely we'd consider that unsuitable accommodation might get in the way of this.

But for two of the first residents at the new retirement village this was a real possibility.

Marjorie and Brian Leach have been together for 61 years and getting a place in ExtraCare Charitable Trust's second retirement village in Milton Keynes means that they can stay together for many years to come.

Mrs Leach said: "At the moment our daughter looks after us but she is not a well woman and she wanted to make sure that if anything happened to her we'd be well looked after.

"We've been living in a council bungalow but Brian has dementia and if we hadn't been able to move in here eventually I wouldn't be able to cope and he'd have had to move into a home.

Grand opening: The first residents have moved into Shenley Wood Village

"We've been together for 61 years, 62 in November, and getting a place here means we can be together for as long as possible."

Shenley Wood Village is a partnership between Milton Keynes Council, the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), The Department of Health and The ExtraCare Charitable Trust.

It follows Lovat Fields Village, which opened in Willen in 2007 and is currently over-subscribed.

ExtraCare's chief executive, Nick Abbey, said: "Milton Keynes is the first place where we have built two retirement homes, the demand is overwhelming.

"We have excellent feed back from our villages and we believe this is the way of the future.

"We like to be inclusive and so although some people own their homes others pay very little rent depending on their circumstances.

"Living here is more like being

Ribbon cutting: ***From left,*** **Margaret Allen from the HCA, Brian and Marjorie Leach, Nick Abbey and deputy mayor Catriona Morris**

at a hotel than a retirement home."

The village boasts 18 health and leisure facilities, including a restaurant, bar, village hall, well-being centre, IT suite, craft room and greenhouse.

Councillor Debbie Brock, cabinet member for adult, older years and health at Milton Keynes Council, said: "ExtraCare villages in Milton Keynes offer residents support in the choices they can make in maintaining an independent and fulfilling lifestyle."

Last Wednesday visitors were serenaded by the village choir as they entered the impressive building.

The celebration marked the opening of the first 184 apartments, with a further 116 due to be completed by next winter.

Relaxing: A resident makes the most of the indoor bowls

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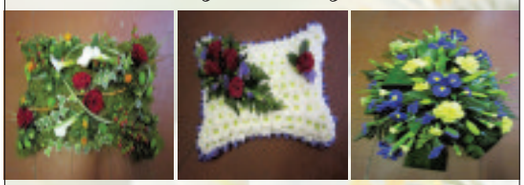

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Poem calls for MK to get city status

City bid: Mark Niel backs Milton Keynes

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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WITH the winning bid for city status due be announced in the next few weeks, Milton Keynes' Poet Laureate is throwing his weight behind the campaign.

A poem calling for Milton Keynes to be granted city status has been penned by Mark Niel, from Pennyland, and he is drumming up support on the gig circuit.

Mr Niel said: "The last line is always 'Ma'am, make us a city and I find people joining in."

As the town's first Poet Laureate Mr Niel takes it upon himself to write poems for events in Milton Keynes.

The poem highlights the galleries, theatres and public art and makes reference to Bletchley Park and its historic past.

Mr Niel said: "Milton Keynes has got a very modern energy to it that many of the other cities don't have but we also have a lot of history such as Bletchley Park and the Roman roads."

A total of 26 towns are competing for the right to become a city as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and currently the odds for MK stand at 16:1.

As well as performing the poem in Milton Keynes, Mr Niel has also taken it to other places to spread the word about all the town has to offer.

He said: "Milton Keynes can often be the butt of jokes on the comedy scene so I want to tell people about everything - we have a lot to offer."

The Laureate wants to encourage the creative residents in the city to get behind the bid through their art forms.

He said: "We are a creative city with Stony Stratford having just appointed a bard."

And this is the focus of his poem with one line reading: 'We're fertile ground for talent and the arts. From jazz at the Stables to Proms in the park'.

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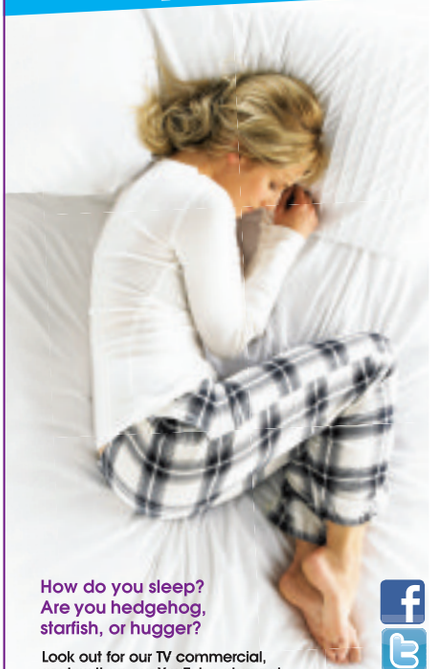

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MKEDUCATION

Pupils graduate from uni

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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FUTURE mechanics, journalists and actors have graduated from a city university - and some of them are as young as four.

In an unusual initiative at Langland Community School in Netherfield, children take part in vocational activities such as car maintenance, where they learn about things such as changing oil, newspaper writing, vegetarian cooking and musical theatre.

The children do the courses during each six-week half-term period and at the end of every course they 'graduate' from Langland University and get certificates recognising their achievements.

Interim headteacher Donna Christy said: "This is about raising aspirations for the children, to start learning about university and to give them those experiences that they wouldn't necessarily get in the curriculum.

"It's very practical, looking at job prospects so they can start to think what they might like to do out of primary school.

"We start it from nursery age, to give them those broadened experiences - and the children love it."

Several other organisations are involved in the scheme, such as NatWest bank which, in the 'pocket money' course, helps the children to open their own bank accounts.

And now MP Iain Stewart, who has previously called for the more vocational educational route of apprenticeships to be given more emphasis, has praised the school's approach.

The MP for Milton Keynes South said: "It's extremely important for students to be given a broad experience in their learning at school.

"This initiative by Langland Community School is innovative and I would be delighted to visit the school to meet the students involved in the different vocational projects to see what they have gained from it."

Ms Christy added they are now looking for anyone else who thinks they may be able to add to the students' experiences at the school.

She said: "We are looking for anyone who thinks they have a skill they can bring into our children's lives, so they can experience the most they can and are not limited by anything."

If you think you can help, e-mail langlandc@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

■ For more pictures, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

University graduates: Students, *from left*, Craig Bassett, Vicky Turner and Tomasz Wisniwski learn how to check the oil on a car with tutor Paul Carter

MKEDUCATIONBRIEFS

Hazeley is a School4Life
THE Hazeley Academy has become one of only six schools and academies in the UK to achieve the Schools4Life Foundation Award - a national scheme which recognises commitments to pupils' health and happiness. It is the only secondary school to attain this status.

Bishop opens art room
BISHOP Jonathan of Ebbsfleet, complete with mitre and cassock, recently dropped in at St Mary and St Giles School in Stony Stratford to tell children about his role. He was also there to ceremonially unlock the school's new art room.

Viscount pays a visit
OAKGROVE School will be welcoming a member of the House of Lords to talk about the political and Parliamentary process on Friday. Viscount Younger will also be answering questions, as part of the Lord Speaker's Peers in Schools programme.

Tea party for hospice
A HUGE £1,039 was raised for Willen Hospice at Milton Keynes Academy in Leadenhall after more than 800 cakes were made for a charity tea party.

Schoolchildren are up in court

MORE than 80 young people are expected in court this weekend following an attack on a newsagent.

Fortunately, none of them are expected to be charged at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Saturday.

That's because the groups of 12 to 14-year-olds are taking part in the 2012 Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition.

Eighty-four youngsters from schools in Milton Keynes and the rest of Buckinghamshire will be taking on the roles of lawyers, magistrates, witnesses, defendants and court staff.

A specially-written scenario, in which teenagers are accused of handling stolen goods following an attack on a newsagent, will be used.

The aim is to develop confidence in personal skills, public speaking, analysis techniques and teamwork.

Local magistrates, law students and other legal professionals will help the teams to prepare.

Winning teams from Saturday's heat will progress to the regional final, where they will be hoping for a place in the prestigious national final at Nottingham Magistrates' Court in June.

Imaginations sparked

Enthralled: Children at Tickford Park Primary watch firefighters

FIREFIGHTERS from Newport Pagnell captivated children from one primary school.

The visit gave pupils at Tickford Park Primary School the chance to learn about firefighting equipment, watch the firemen get into their kit and experience close up the sound of a siren. The event, which took place at the end of last month, was part of the school's community links events.

Project may net students £1,000

YOU'VE heard of recycling - but now 'upcycling' could be all the rage in the world of design.

Students in the first year of the art and design course at Milton Keynes College have been challenged to upcycle a range of Siemens home appliances, and turn them into furniture, sculptures or accessories.

A total of 47 designs were entered into an exhibition at the college and from that a shortlist of six has been chosen for the final, which will be judged on March 9.

The initiative is being supported by Siemens and Max McMurdo of Reestore.com, who appeared on Dragons' Den.

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SPORT RELIEF 2012

Sport Relief Mile is starting to take off

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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THE drive to get people to take part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile really 'took off' last week.

Dressed in Sport Relief T-shirts instructors at Airkix, the freefall simulator in CMK, were tasked with putting a variety of sports day-style races to the extreme test in the wind tunnel last Tuesday.

Rising to the challenge, the boys tried races including a sack race and three-legged race, at top speeds of 160mph.

Andy Godwin, manager at Airkix Milton Keynes, said: "The guys and I really enjoyed taking part in this activity to raise awareness of Sport Relief across Milton Keynes, and we hope that people across the city will follow our lead and take part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile.

"Whether you do it as a three-legged race or simply with friends and family, you can help make this year's event the biggest and best yet."

This year, more than one million people are expected to pull up their Sport Relief Socks and take part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on Sunday, March 25.

If you take part in the Milton Keynes event, you will be raising vital funds for vulnerable people right here in the city, as well as across the rest of the UK and in the world's poorest countries.

And you don't have to be a fitness fanatic - you can walk, run, hop, skip, jump or crawl the route, which will run along Midsummer Boulevard.

If you want to help, you can either enter the Milton Keynes Mile, or one of dozens of Mile events happening all over the East of England, right now by logging onto www.sportrelief.com.

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Mexican bash is a hit for hospice

BY DAN PALMER
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THE recent cold snap has left many of us dreaming of sunnier climes, and that was perhaps the inspiration behind a pub's charity night.

With Milton Keynes emerging from a period of frozen weather, punters at the Chequers, in Watling Street, Fenny Stratford, enjoyed a taste of Mexico.

This meant that normal pub attire was swapped for ponchos, sombreros and flamboyant, colourful dresses. A free buffet, including spicy chicken, nachos and dips, was on offer and there was the option of washing it down with shots of tequila.

The event was held to raise cash for Willen Hospice and pub staff believe that hundreds has been raised for the worthy cause.

An official total has yet to be calculated, but over 400 raffle tickets were sold at £1 a strip.

Organiser Lia Weir, who works behind the bar, said: "There was a great atmosphere and it was a fantastic night all round."

■ MK Dons will also be backing the hospice during their game with Exeter on March 10.

For more details, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

Once upon a time in Mexico: Fun at Chequers. Pictures: Roxanne Huntley.

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In training: Mums get in shape for the run in Stoke Goldington

Mums hope to run up money

MUMS are putting their best foot forward to raise money for their children's preschool.

Judith Prime, whose daughter attends Stoke Goldington Pre-school, is organising a 5km fun run around the village's countryside.

She said: "We need to raise about £4,000 every year for the pre-school and this year we wanted to get parents involved in outdoor activities."

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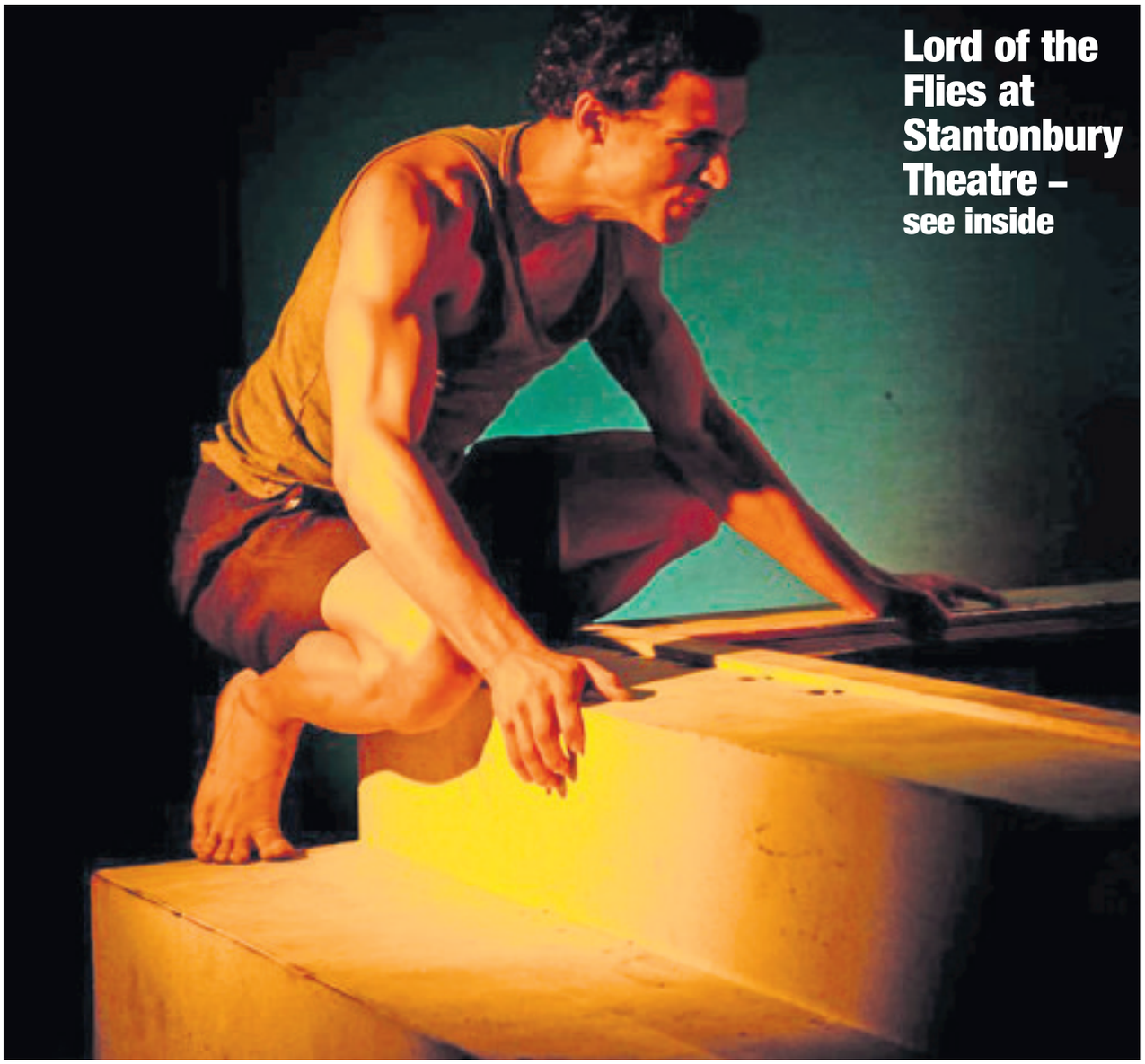

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CHARLIE BROWN

Coldplay

WHAT we have here is a song called Charlie Brown for no apparent reason; the title has nothing whatsoever to do with the song.

That in itself isn't an issue after all, New Order named loads of their early songs after movies that were listed on a poster in their office.

Now, nobody I know buys Coldplay songs for the quality of the lyrics and this is no exception.

Chris Martin, who to this day is still the only member of Coldplay that I can name without running off to Wikipedia, starts off by singing about stealing a car and going to 'where the lost boys meet'. He then moves on to 'glowing in the dark' - yeah, that's enough about the words.

As for the music, well, it's more of the same really. Songs like this probably sound fantastic if you're at Wembley Stadium waving a lit cigarette lighter above your head, but I wasn't listening to this at Wembley. No, I was listening to it in my house in Milton Keynes and rock anthems don't really work in my house, it must be said.

Besides, Coldplay anthems are ten a penny anyway, so they're not even an event anymore.

HEART ATTACK

Asteroids Galaxy Tour

AH, NOW this is better. Proper happy-clappy, ever-so-slightly-barking bubblegum pop.

There really isn't enough of this sort of music doing the rounds at the moment, you know.

However, I feel I ought to point out that although I like this, I can see the singer's voice putting a few people off.

It's the sort of singing that you either get used to really quickly or it'll set your teeth right on edge whenever you hear it.

That said though, if you can get past the distinctive vocals you're in for a treat.

Yeah, I know it's not the happiest song title ever, but look at it this way - there are songs with happy titles that make me profoundly unhappy (Flying Without Wings, for example).

I'd take this over that any day of the week and twice on Wednesdays. Besides, this is probably the first pop song written since the 1950s that includes the phrase 'geez Louise', so I'm awarding extra points for that.

If they'd fitted in 'see you later, alligator' this would've claimed the Single of the Year award immediately. I like this song and so should you.

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Tuesday, 8.45pm

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The repertoire spans jazz standards and pop songs of the past, French chanson and Latin American influences.

Janet has been performing jazz since her high school and university days in South Australia in the 1970s.

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With 17 CDs to her name, she has covered quite some ground stylistically and many have been nominated for awards.

Tickets to the show cost £10. For more information, visit www.stables.com.

MADCAP

HIP HOP OWES ME MONEY

Saturday, 7-11.30pm

FOLLOWING the success of the last event with more than 200 people, The Milton Keynes B-Boy Historical Society presents the second instalment.

A similar recipe to last time, with live hip hop and scratch DJs upstairs, funk, disco and electro downstairs courtesy of long-running club night Hi Res.

The event is headlined by Chrome and Ill Inspired, the boys behind Deftex and Naked Ape Records. They will have just returned to these shores after an extensive European tour in February.

Support comes from Pings (KingUnderground), the man responsible for the hip hop nights at the snoBar!, and Jerome Hill (label chief at Fat Hop Records and promoter of London's Swerved nights).

There will be hot Afro-Caribbean food available and a fully licensed bar. There will also be a merchandise stall selling vinyl, t-shirts and mixtapes.

The gig coincides with an exhibition called New Pop Art Riot! by Paul Payne of Haddon Beats, a collection of canvases, comic book and flyer art which will add an extra visual dimension to the event. Be there if you want to brag about it afterwards. Free.

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TAMING OF THE SHREW

Tuesday-Saturday, March 10

THE Royal Shakespeare Company's new production of The Taming of the Shrew comes to Milton Keynes Theatre.

It's not The Bards easiest play to sell as the laughs come from the forced humiliation and subjugation of a young woman opposed to marriage in a society in which that was the be-all and end-all of a woman's hopes and expectations.

So how does Lisa Dillon (Mary Smith in the BBC series Cranford) deal with those outdated 17th century views when she is playing Kate, the Shrew of the title, in front of a 21st century audience?

"There's a fine line between comedy and tragedy" she explains. "Go too light with the comedy and you're in danger of losing the real person.

"When I am absolutely in Kate, it's hard. She's angry and she fuels the fire of her own anger. At the start she's a lost soul - a kind of Amy Winehouse character - and so she ends up being a shrew, a mad person, even a witch.

"But it's a great show and young people love it; the atmosphere is a bit like being at a rock concert."

David Caves is tall, good-looking and generally fit in all senses of the word. He is playing Petruchio, a kind of Cp'n Jack Sparrow-esque rogue in search of a rich wife.

David said: "Petruchio is just as broken as Kate though he celebrates rather than scorns Kate's madness.

"He is someone who is prepared to take on her mess because he recognises a lot of himself in her. They are soulmates.

"But it's tough to play scenes that are so cruel. You just have to go with it."

"Shakespeare gives Kate the power of speech," says Lisa, "and then she shouts a lot. But it is a woman finding her voice. She is not a feminist but she is a champion of truth."

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Judy Riley

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Lisa Dillon

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Thursday, March 8, 7.30pm

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Following their critically acclaimed production in Scotland and Wales last year, Sell a Door Theatre Company are coming to Stantonbury with their 2012 tour of William Golding's classic Lord of the Flies.

The plot follows the marooned youngsters' regress to a primitive state after they are left to themselves on their island of paradise, far from modern civilisation.

Two boys, the fair-haired Ralph and an overweight, glasses-wearing boy reluctantly nicknamed 'Piggy' find a conch, which Ralph uses as a horn to bring all the survivors to one area.

Two dominant boys emerge during the meeting, Ralph, and Jack Merridew, a redhead who is the leader of a choir group that was among the survivors.

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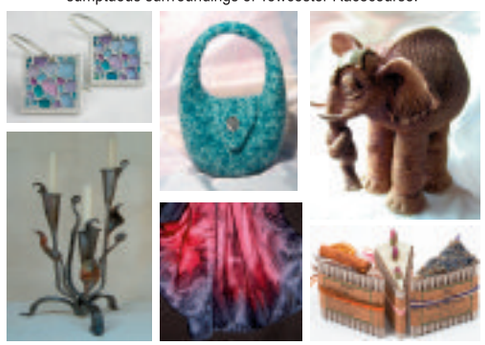

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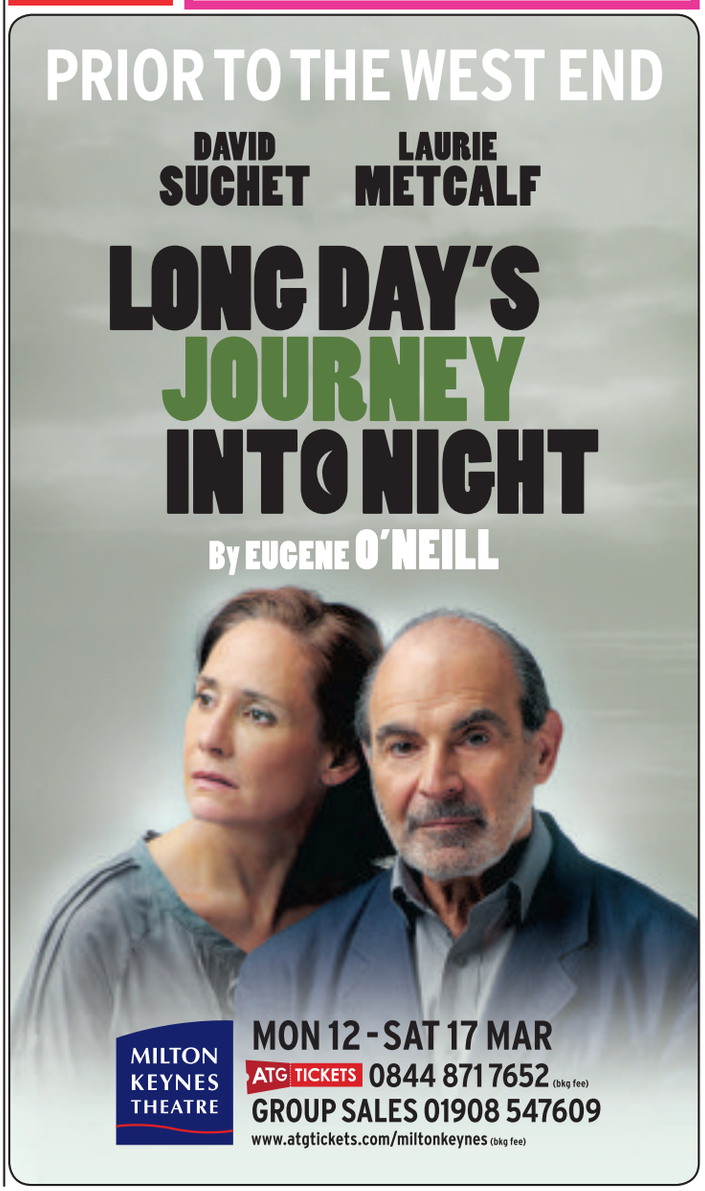

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VEGGIE Heaven, Cameron's Brasserie, Odell's Yard, 7 for 7.30pm. A four-course set vegetarian menu for £30 per person. Call 01908 568000, e-mail info@camerons-brasserie.co.uk, or visit www.camerons-brasserie.co.uk.

FRIDAY

FAIRTRADE Tea Party, Russell Street School, 3-4pm. Phone 01908 563148.

ELVIS' Buffet, Duke of Wellington. 9.15pm. Free. Join Vince Vegas for a generous portion of the 'King's' classic songs (plus disco). Phone 01908 563383.

A FEAST of Local Food, Cameron's Brasserie, Odell's Yard, 7 for 7.30pm. A four-course gourmet dinner. Phone 01908 568000.

GANGSTERS and Molls Speakeasy, The Bull Hotel, 7.30-11.30pm, over 18s only. Costs £15 including alcohol-laced buffet. Phone 01908 567104.

SEEDY Swap, York House Centre, 6-10pm. Free. Swap or buy rare and heritage varieties of vegetables, fruits and flowers. E-mail jukeofstony@btinternet.com.

PHOTO exhibition, York House Centre, 6-10pm. Free. Feastival-related images by local photographers. Continues Saturday. E-mail jukeofstony@btinternet.com.

MASALAWALA, York House Centre, 6-10pm. Exotic homemade spice mixes, each with a recipe, for sale.

SATURDAY

SEEDY Swap, York House Centre, 10am–4pm. Free.

PHOTO exhibition, York House Centre, 10am-4pm. Free.

TREVOR Jeavons Open Studio, York House Centre (upstairs), 10am–4pm. Free. Meet the man and his art.

GEOFF'S Good Reads, York House Centre, 10am-4pm. Cookery and Feastival-related books to buy at discount prices. E-mail jukeofstony@btinternet.com.

KIDS' cupcake decorating, Nicholas Hythe Kitchen Design Studio, 11am-3pm. Bring your 12-year-olds and unders for a fun session decorating cupcakes. Four cakes for £2. Phone 01908 563618, or see www.nicholashythe.co.uk.

CONCRETE Cow Brewery open day - Alston Drive, Bradwell Abbey, 10am–2pm. Call 01908 674265, or see www.concretecowbrewery.com.

IF MUSIC Be The Food Of Love, St Mary and St Giles Church, 7pm, free. Love songs from the Church Band.

TIMOR Court Market, off High Street by NatWest bank, 9am-4pm.

MASALAWALA, York House Centre, 10am-4pm. Exotic homemade spice mixes, each with a recipe, for sale.

SUNDAY

TRADITIONAL afternoon tea, The Bull Hotel, 2.30-5pm, £6. Phone 01908 567104.

TUESDAY

WI TALK on Easter traditions, Scout Hall, Vicarage Road. All welcome, non-members £2.50.

Leisure or events news? e-mail **editor@mk-news.co.uk**

FILM REVIEW

WANDERLUST (15)

Synopsis: A couple quit the rat race for a hippy commune
Who's in it: Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd, Justin Theroux

FANS of the show Friends will recognise the leading couple in Wanderlust - Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd.

Aniston of course played Rachel, while Rudd arrived nearer the end to play Phoebe's love interest Mike.

In this they are George and Linda and things are not going swimmingly for them.

The trials and tribulations of the daily rat race have become too much as financial pressures begin to bite and George finds himself out of a job.

Forced to move in with George's brother, the situation takes a turn for the surreal when the couple discover a hippy commune known as Elysium.

It's an idyllic place and there are obviously a number of colourful characters in this community who embrace life rather differently.

This is a society where money can't buy happiness and careers are an afterthought. Even clothes are seen as an unwanted hindrance.

What we are left with is a standard comedy about two people who are transported a million miles from their comfort zone - it's an idea which has been done several times.

There are of course wacky hijinks and watching the pair struggling to adapt to their bizarre new surroundings provides a fair few laughs.

Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston in Wanderlust

The makers of the film probably wanted to make us think about wider issues such as lifestyle choices and how we really define happiness, but we just get sucked into the comical situation the pair find themselves in.

With sexual content and drug use it's one which younger viewers should probably avoid but for the rest of us it's an acceptable, although not completely groundbreaking, comedy.

6/10

PROJECT X (18)

Synopsis: A group of friends throw a crazy party
Who's in it: Kirby Bliss Blanton, Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper

IF YOU are a fan of The Hangover then this will likely be right up your alley.

Todd Phillips, the director of that chaos-fest, directs Project X and yes, there is a lot more chaos.

Filmed like a home video, the movie follows three friends who plan to make a name for themselves by throwing the ultimate party.

It's supposed to be a party which you could only ever dream about but as guests keep arriving by the shedload, things quickly descend into something resembling anarchy. A car ends up in the swimming pool, a dwarf finds himself in the oven and a dog is seen bouncing on the trampoline.

Project X is a mad and manic affair but it's a thoroughly enjoyable ride.

8/10

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

WOMEN'S Walking Network. Three to five-mile walk at a moderate pace. Get to know a new route and meet some new friends. Meet in the car park off Rosemullion Avenue, Tattenhoe, off V2 Tattenhoe Street. 10am, £1per person. For more information, e-mail events@theparkstrust.com, or call 01908 255379.

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FRIDAY

SMARTENING the Platform with BTCV Railway Walk Conservation Group. Clearing Great Linford platform and the surrounding area of overgrown scrub. Meet in Broadway Avenue, between Harvard Close and Snowshill Court, Great Linford, 10.30am-3pm.

MK PEACE and Justice Network talk by John Davies of Population Matters, on planet's population growth, 8.15pm at The Well at Willen. All welcome. Call 01908 561365.

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SATURDAY

BRITISH Thyroid Foundation meeting, Pavilion, Open University. Coffee and registration at 10.30am, followed by guest speaker Brian Plunkett, MIT Trichologist, at 11am. See www.thyroidmk.co.uk for map and directions.

RING in a Day, artworks:mk, Great Linford. Learn the processes of basic ring making with Nigel Read using contemporary silversmithing techniques and traditional tools. Bring images for inspiration. Costs £45. Contact www.artworks-mk.co.uk for more information.

SUNDAY

PARKS and Run. Fun runs for all ages and abilities with a choice of routes from two to ten kilometres. Meet in Campbell Park Pavilion car park, Silbury Boulevard, 10am. Free. E-mail events@theparkstrust.com, or call 01908 255379 for more details.

SIDEWINDER at Woughton Leisure Centre. Live band at lunchtime (1pm), free entry, families welcome.

MONDAY

QUIZ night, The Barge Inn, Woolstone. Big quiz night in aid of Willen Hospice - go along and try to take the crown as the brainiest in Woolstone, 8.30pm, £1 per person.

WEDNESDAY

IVEL Valley Walkers, Little Brickhill. Seven-mile walk, 10am. Park in the road at the west end of the village (SP906326). Call Laurie on 01525 403950 for more information.

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Full colour details, with floor plans, of this property, on the market for £565,000, can be found at www.beasley-partners.co.uk.

For viewings, or any questions about the property, call Beasley & Partners on 01908 282820.

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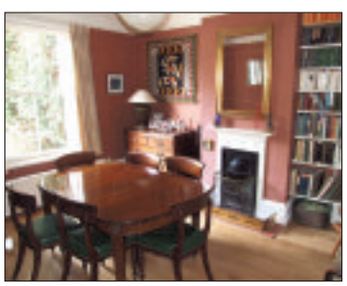

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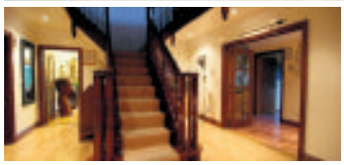

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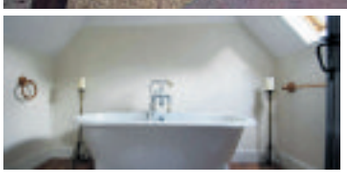

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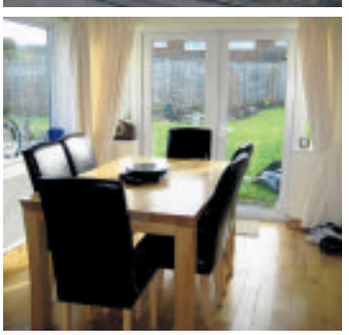

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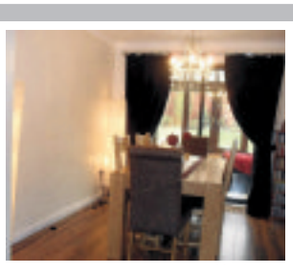

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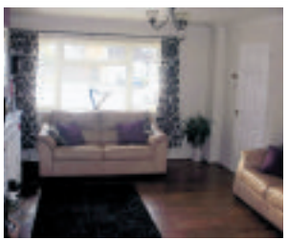

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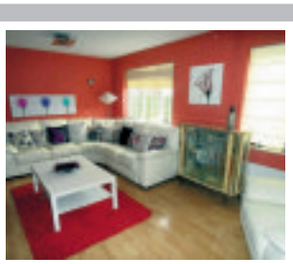

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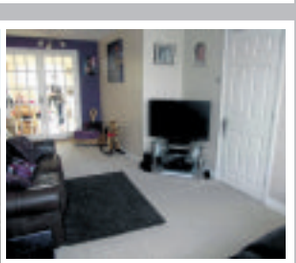

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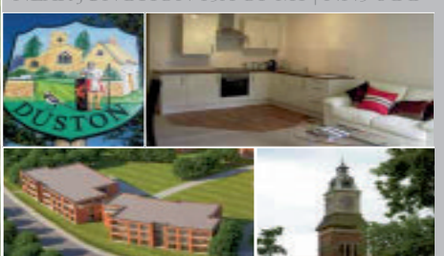

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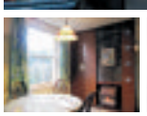
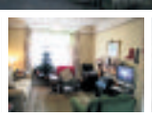

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£185,000

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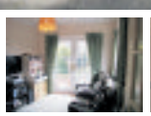
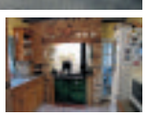
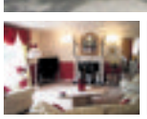



Bletchley

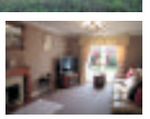
A deceptively spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow comprising storm porch, entrance hall, two generous reception rooms, inner lobby, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with separate dressing room and en suite shower room, further ground floor bathroom, 2 first floor bedrooms and cloakroom.

Benefits include gas fired central heating, good decorative presentation, double glazing, garden and off road parking to the front, rear garden with extensive terracing and access to a single garage.



Barleyhurst
£297,500

A stunning, well apportioned detached bungalow in a quiet traffic free location benefiting from gas fired central heating to radiators, Double glazed windows and doors, generous well tended gardens, parking and garage whilst comprising, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge with opening to dining area, family room, fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms and bathroom.



Kingsmead
£410,000

Executive 4 bed property presented to a high standard. 22x11ft kit/breakfast room utility and lounge all with doors out to garden, master suite with dressing area and ensuite. 2nd ensuite shower room. Patio area, lawned garden and electrically operated double garage behind drive with double gates.

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NEW BRADWELL £130,000

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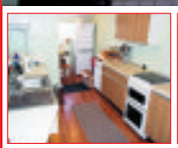
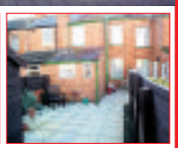
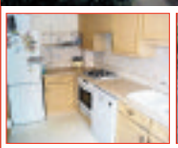




- 2 bedrooms
- Mid terraced house
- Upstairs bathroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Lounge through diner
- Part UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Enclosed rear garden

WOLVERTON £180,000

NEW



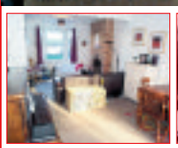
- 3 double bedrooms
- End of terrace Townhouse
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Lounge / dining room
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazed windows
- Garage & off road parking
- Cul-de-sac location

CMK £83,000

NEW

- Second floor studio flat
- UPVC double glazing
- Laminate flooring
- Separate kitchen
- Shower room
- Residents parking
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £160,000



- 3 bed mid-terrace property
- Re-fitted kitchen with built in appliances
- UPVC double glazing
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating via replacement boiler
- Lounge through diner
- One and a half width garage

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 3 bed extended semi detached
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- UPVC double glazing
- Off road rear parking
- Backing onto Wolverton Rec Grounds

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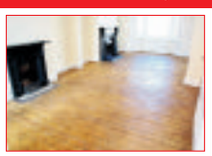

- 3 bedrooms
- Double bay fronted property
- Completely re-furbished
- New kitchen with appliances
- New upstairs bathroom
- New central heating
- Original features
- Landscaped rear garden
- Off road parking
- No upper chain

STONY STRATFORD £115,000

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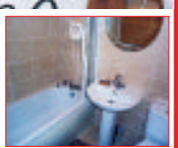

- One bedroom
- First floor apartment
- Re-fitted kitchen with built-in appliances
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Single garage
- Town Centre location
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £180,000

NEW

- 3 bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Separate dining room
- Kitchen / Breakfast room
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Rear garden with garage
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £150,000

- 3 double bedrooms
- Two separate reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Separate w.c.
- Gas to radiator heating
- Replacement combination boiler
- Front & rear gardens
- Single garage

WOLVERTON £138,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terraced house
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- UPVC double glazed windows (w.s.)
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Single garage to the rear

WOLVERTON £170,000

- 3 double bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
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- UPVC double glazing (w/s)
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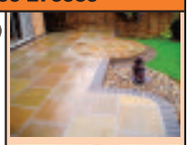

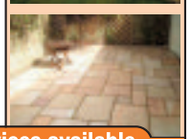

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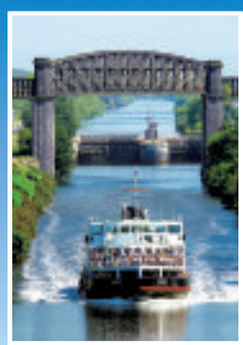

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It is anticipated that the following temporary restrictions will be in effect on Sunday 25 March at the times stated:-

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- Midsummer Boulevard (north side) – From Upper Seventh Street to Saxon Gate;
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- Saxon Gate (west side) – From Silbury Boulevard to Midsummer Boulevard.

SUSPENSION OF PARKING BAYS:-

All premium rate tariff and standard rate tariff parking bays will be temporarily suspended along the following roads to allow for the provision of disabled person's parking and for VIP guests and event organisers:-

- Silbury Boulevard (north side) – From North Seventh Street to Saxon Gate;
- Silbury Boulevard (south side) – From North Sixth Street to Saxon Gate;
- Midsummer Boulevard (north side) – From Upper Seventh Street to Saxon Gate;
- Midsummer Boulevard (south side) – From Upper Seventh Street to Saxon Gate (the northern-most row of parking bays only);
- Saxon Gate (west side) – From Silbury Boulevard to Midsummer Boulevard.

CLOSURE OF PORTE COCHERES between 12.01 am and 6.00 pm

Access across the following roads via portes cocheres will be prohibited:-

- Silbury Boulevard between North Sixth Street and North Seventh Street;
- Silbury Boulevard between North Seventh Street and Saxon Gate;
- Silbury Boulevard between Saxon Gate and North Eighth Street;
- Silbury Boulevard between North Eighth Street and North Ninth Street;
- Midsummer Boulevard between Witan Gate and Upper Fifth Street;
- Midsummer Boulevard, north-east of Upper Fifth Street;
- Midsummer Boulevard south-west of Upper Seventh Street;
- Midsummer Boulevard between Upper Seventh Street and Saxon Gate;

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles.

The road closures and alternative routes will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs manual. All local diversions will be indicated by traffic signs.

Pedestrian access to premises and properties shall be maintained throughout the restrictions.

The proposed order will come into operation on Sunday 25 March 2012 at 5.00 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the event whichever shall be the sooner. It is expected that the event will continue for one day only.

A copy of the proposed order, a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order and a map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number BAS-P&E-004906-1902.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

29 February 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

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APPLICATION TO LICENCE PREMISES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES

Notice is given that the following application has been received for a Licence for the use of premises listed below for civil ceremonies.

A copy of the application and covering plans will be available for inspection at The Register Office Bracknell House Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm from Monday 5th March 2012 until Friday 23rd March 2012.

Anyone wishing to object to this application should write to the Proper Officer for Registration PO Box 105 Civic Offices 1 Saxon Gate East Central Milton Keynes stating their objections by Tuesday 26th March 2012.

Paul J Sanders, Proper Officer for Registration

Name and Address of Applicant
Cineworld Cinemas Limited, Xscape, 602 Marlborough Gate, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3XS

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/00078/FUL Conversion of single storey outbuilding, replacement roof and windows and erection of link to main dwelling at The Fuchsias, Manor Close, London Road, Broughton.

12/00106/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension at Charnwood, Manor Close, 1 London Road, Broughton.

12/00250/FUL Erection of single storey side extension and repositioning of smoking shelter at 38 High Street, Olney.

12/00271/FUL New vehicular access, link between existing dwelling houses and insertion of bay window to front elevation at Corners, 31A Yardley Road, Olney.

12/00309/FUL Two storey side and rear extension at 25 Priory Street, Newport Pagnell.

12/00310/FUL Single storey rear extension and loft conversion with insertion of roof-lights to front and rear elevations (Resubmission of 11/02562/FUL) at 103 High Street, Olney.

12/00336/FUL Variation of condition 5 (opening hours) of planning permission 11/01586/FUL; opening times from 09:00 to 11:00 each day; extend closing times from 19:00 to 23:00 Monday-Thursdays, to 00:00 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and 23:00 on Sundays and Bank Holidays at 24-25 Stratford Road, Wolverton.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 – MAJOR

11/02829/FUL Change of use from office (B1a) to a community centre (D1) at 401 South Row, Central Milton Keynes.

12/00353/FUL Demolition of existing building and construction of new supermarket (Use Class A1), surface level car park, new and amended vehicle access points, highway works, landscaping, and other ancillary works at Former Bourton Mill Water World And Health Club, 2 Engaine Drive, Shenley Church End.

NICK FENWICK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING, ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (V7 SAXON STREET (PARTS), BRECKLAND LINFORD WOOD, SIMPSON ROAD, (PART) SIMPSON AND VARIOUS ROAD JUNCTIONS WITHIN EAGLESTONE, BEANHILL, MONKSTON PARK AND MONKSTON, WAVENDON GATE, WOOLSTONE, STANTONBURY, CONNIBURROW AND DOWNS BARN, MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, which is being promoted by Andy Hull, of PB Running Ltd, namely the MK Marathon, intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. It is anticipated that the following temporary restrictions will be in effect on Sunday 29th April 2012 between the hours of 7.00am and 7.00pm and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The effect of the Order is as follows:-

1. **To temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering or proceeding in the following lengths of road:-**
   V7 Saxon Street from its junction with the H8 Standing Way at Coffee Hall Roundabout to its junction with the H9 Groveway at Ashland Roundabout.
   The alternative route for traffic will be via the H8 Standing Way, V8 Marlborough Street and H9 Groveway and vice versa.
   V7 Saxon Street from its junction with the H9 Groveway at Ashland Roundabout to its junction with the H10 Bletcham Way at Denbigh Roundabout.
   The alternative route for traffic will be via the H9 Groveway, V8 Marlborough Street, Bond Avenue (Mount Farm) and H10 Bletcham Way and vice versa.
   Breckland, Linford Wood its entire length. There is no alternative route available.
   Simpson Road, Simpson from its junction with Simpson Drive to its junction with Beales Lane. The alternative route for traffic will be via Simpson Drive, Simpson, H9 Groveway, V10 Brickhill Street, Chase Avenue, Walton and Simpson Road and vice versa.
2. **To temporarily prohibit vehicular access or egress from the following junctions:-**
   V8 Marlborough Street and Harrier Drive, Eaglestone. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the H7 Chaffron Way and Harrier Drive.
   H7 Chaffron Way and Colindale Street, Monkston Park. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the V10 Brickhill Street and Plaistow Crescent.
   V10 Brickhill Street and Kilwining Drive, Monkston. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the H7 Chaffron Way and Flaxley Gate.
   V11 Tongwell Street and Fyfield Barrow, Wavendon Gate. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the V11 Tongwell Street (northbound) and Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree.
   V11 Tongwell Street and Lindisfarne Drive, Monkston. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the H7 Chaffron Way and Flaxley Gate.
   Pattison Lane, Woolstone from the H6 Childs Way. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the H7 Chaffron Way and Pattison Lane.
   V8 Marlborough Street and Great Ground, Stantonbury. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the V8 Marlborough Street and Ashfield.
   V8 Marlborough Street and Stanton Gate, Stantonbury. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the V8 Marlborough Street and Ashfield.
   H4 Dansteed Way and Fennel Drive, Conniburrow. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the H4 Dansteed Way and Burnham Drive, Bradwell Common.
   V8 Marlborough Street and Downs Barn Boulevard, Downs Barn. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the H5 Portway and Darley Gate.
   Wastel, Beanhill from the V7 Saxon Street. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the H8 Standing Way and Medale Road.
   Dodkin, Beanhill from the V7 Saxon Street. The alternative junction for traffic will be via the H8 Standing Way and Medale Road.

As this is a rolling closure the temporary restrictions will only apply whilst the competitors pass along the above stated roads and lengths of roads and the roads will reopen following the passing of the final runner.

Any local diversions will be indicated by the relevant traffic signs.

There shall be no other exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties and those vehicles required in connection with the event.

The proposed Order will come into operation on the 29th April 2012 at 7.00am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the event whichever shall be the sooner.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of reasons for making the Order, map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number WL/P&E/004931/TCO/1905.

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29th February 2012

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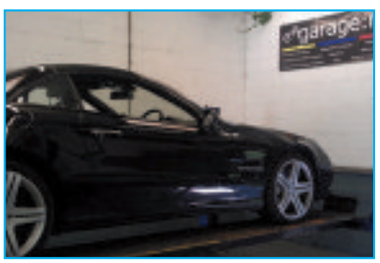

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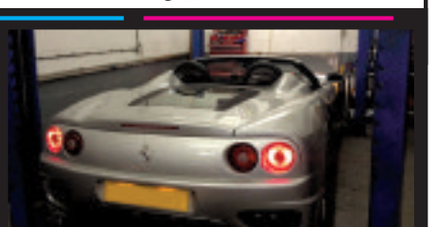

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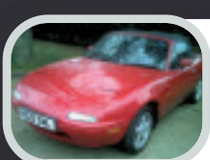

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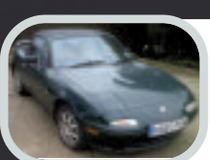

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Victory is the target on long drive north

DONS will be looking for a fourth win in a row when they make the marathon trip to Hartlepool United on Saturday.

And Karl Robinson's side could be facing a wounded animal when they arrive at Victoria Park.

Hartlepool were due to host Bury yesterday night but on Saturday they were hammered 5-0 by struggling Wycombe, with some questionable defending causing the leaks at the back.

"Alex Rae watched them for us and one thing he said is that they won't be that bad," Robinson said.

"Everything that could have gone wrong went wrong but their manager won't let it happen again."

Dons hosted Hartlepool on the opening day of the season in a game which finished 2-2, despite the home side dominating most of the match.

Hartlepool clinically converted two chances after rare attacking forays and Dons had a good shout for a penalty turned down when Stephen Gleeson tumbled in the box late-on.

Robinson said: "They are playing Bury so hopefully that will mean they are a bit tired and jaded, where as we've had a fresh week.

"However, that doesn't always help as we seem to win games playing on a Saturday and then Tuesday.

"Colin Nish was a big threat when we played before and Andy Monkhouse caused problems.

"They've got good players, but Bournemouth, Oldham and Bury did too. It's more about what we do.

"We'll do our preparation, but if we turn up on any given day I think we're as good as any team in this league.

"It's us against the world, so come and challenge us if you dare. We're in a good place so long may that continue."

Robinson said that the team did not have a point to prove after only managing a draw back in August.

He said: "We want to win but a win-lose attitude is not a good thing in any sport, it should be about letting your own ability levels do the talking.

"We've not got a necessity that we have to win as that creates anxiety, tension and nerves."

Darren Potter will miss Saturday's game as he continues to struggle with a viral infection, and several other players will play on with knocks.

But on-loan Celtic midfielder Paul Slane has now arrived at the club.

AFC BOURNEMOUTH 0 DONS 1

Life is a beach

THE secret to Saturday's excellent League One win was a kick-about on Bournemouth beach.

Mathias Doumbe fired into the roof of the net after Tom Flanagan bravely flicked on Dean Bowditch's first-half corner, and Dons boss Karl Robinson said that the fun on the south-coast sand had been absolutely key.

With the business end of the season now very much upon us some of Dons' promotion rivals may be starting to feel the pressure but Robinson could not have appeared more laid back after the 1-0 win over the Cherries, his side's third victory in as many games.

He said: "People get so stressed out about this job and in this industry and I love the beach, it's a laugh.

"My head is always on the line with my job as a manager and I understand that, but if I can't do this smiling and enjoying it, then I don't want to do it.

"We enjoyed our time on the south coast and had a lovely session."

The beach football proved that the team spirit is high in the Dons camp ahead of a congested series of fixtures in March and April.

And despite it being a fun session, Dons treated the game against Lee Bradbury's side extremely seriously.

"Alex Rae did a lot of work on Bournemouth and we feel tactically we got the match preparation right," Robinson said.

"We feel that we came here very strong mentally. I just love everything about winning."

There were chances for both sides during the 90 minutes but Dons always seemed comfortable after Frenchman Doumbe had given them the lead.

An excellent defensive display kept Bournemouth at bay and things could have been even better for the visitors if Charlie MacDonald hadn't struck the crossbar after a one-on-one.

The Cherries never looked like scoring and Dons were seemingly easing towards victory until stoppage time, when Bournemouth striker Wes Thomas inexplicably missed from inside the six-yard-box.

Some sections of the home crowd had already started celebrating but Dons survived to claim a deserved victory without holding midfield duo Stephen Gleeson (suspended) and Darren Potter (illness).

It was a win which has made Dons' play-off spot look particularly secure and with only Sheffield United left to play out of their promotion rivals, a good run of wins could yet lead to automatic promotion.

Charlie MacDonald struck the bar against Bournemouth

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MK Dons assistant boss JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

I DON'T really want to be reminded of Sunday's north London derby but I have been involved in a few over the years.

When I went to Tottenham as a player I found out straight away that Arsenal are the biggest rivals.

I have some good memories of playing against them at Highbury but I also played in the game when Liam Brady scored a wonder hat-trick, so it was up and down really.

Then there were some cracking derby games when I was assistant manager to Glenn Hoddle at Tottenham.

In fact our first game in charge was a derby in the semi-final of the FA Cup.

George Graham had been sacked, which was ridiculous really, and we had to take charge on a Tuesday and play the semi on the Saturday.

It wasn't an easy start, and we went on to lose 2-1 after going in front.

I was also there when Sol Campbell came back to Spurs with Arsenal, that game could not have been more heated.

Then there was the match when Thierry Henry scored after breaking all the way from our corner.

We should have brought him down but Matty Etherington let him go and they keep showing that goal over and over.

The derbies are almost not a real game, it was just about what happened on the day.

Saturday's 5-2 was another freak result when you don't know what is happening really – Tottenham were 2-0 up and then Arsenal came away with their best victory of the season.

At Dons it seems like we've got a rivalry against the whole of football which is very unfair and unfortunate.

We can only do what we do and we're now looking forward to Hartlepool.

We'll try to walk on the seafront at least as that seems to be a calming influence before a match.

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4	Huddersfield	31	10	5	2	28	15	5	8	1	31	15	29	58
5	DONS	32	8	6	1	32	15	8	4	5	30	20	27	58
6	Carlisle	31	8	5	3	29	25	5	5	5	17	25	-4	49
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FORMULA ONE

WORLD champion Sebastian Vettel has admitted that it is 'difficult to judge' how Red Bull Racing are faring compared to their rivals after the second Formula One testing event in Barcelona.

Both Vettel and team-mate Mark Webber took to the track in the new RB8 car for development work and full-race simulations.

Vettel was quickest out of all the teams' drivers on day one with a time of 1.23.65 but the car had a slight fault on day two.

The RB8 then had gearbox problems when Webber was behind the wheel on day three.

Vettel said: "It's clear that the cars have less grip than last year, but we try to come back from that slowly. It's difficult to judge where we are compared with the others right now.

"It's all based on feeling and the feeling I have inside the car at the moment is fine.

"I keep talking about the loss of downforce compared to last year, as we don't have the tools we had, but this is the same for everyone.

"I think we are on the right road with the car as the first impressions at the last test were fine and the car reacted the way we expected."

Webber added: "We have a lot of work to do back in Milton Keynes before the next test."

LOCAL FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town lost 2-0 to leaders King's Lynn in the UCL Premier and are 12th in the table.

In the South Midlands League Division One, Stony Stratford lost 3-2 to Langford.

Leaders Willen were beaten 2-1 by Great Mile Ash in the New City Heating MK Sunday League Premier Division which allowed Stony Stratford – who have five games in hand – to close the gap to five points after their 4-1 win over CS Athletic.

In the other games, Trade 2U defeated Kings Arms 2-0, Stantonbury Social A beat Open University 6-1 and Padbury AFC beat Loughton Athletic 2-1.

Olney remain top of Division One following a 6-0 win against MK Legends, but AFC Santander remain level on points after their 5-1 win against MK United.

FC MMIX beat New City Saints 2-0, Punjab Utd edged out Stoke Hammond 4-3, Stantonbury The Manor thrashed Stacey Bushes 8-0 and Buckingham Utd beat Stantonbury Social B 2-1.

ATHLETICS

THE Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club fielded a strong senior men's team at the National Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill Fields, where they finished a creditable 24th.

However, this was the only complete team from the club to finish the testing course.

At the NIA in Birmingham there was a bronze medal for U15 800m athlete Archie Rippin in the England Athletics U20, U17 and U15 Indoor Championships.

A silver medal was Sophie Wilkins' reward for a 5.63m leap in the long jump at the British Universities' Indoor Championships in Sheffield.

On the roads Ian Van Lokven (M50) won the Althorp 10k in an excellent time of 37m, 11s.

SWIMMING

SIX swimmers from the South Beds Masters Club made waves at the Sudbury Masters gala.

The competitors from Milton Keynes and the surrounding area took home a total of 19 medals, setting eight new county records and nine new club records along the way.

FLOORBALL

THE MK Phantoms floorball club are hoping to see the sport – a type of indoor hockey – catch on.

Club member Mark Sleight said: "We have 20 players on the books at the moment, half are experienced and the rest have just started playing in the last six months to a year.

"If you're sport minded with good hand-eye co-ordination and are reasonably fit it's for you."

The club hopes to enter a league system by the end of the year, and trains in Bletchley.

•To hear more from the club visit www.mk-news.co.uk and click the sports interviews box.

EQUESTRIAN

CITY riders attended a cross-country training clinic with Olympic silver medallist Lucinda Green at Milton Keynes Eventing Centre yesterday.

Green – also a World and European champion – is the only rider to have won the famous Badminton Horse Trials six times on six horses.

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning bag nine

Lightning 4 Slough Jets 0
P'boro Phantoms 3 Lightning 9

Lightning in action against Slough. Picture: Jez Tibbetts.

THERE'S a happy feeling at MK Lightning again.

After a recent sticky patch player coach Nick Poole stressed the need to find the target more often and whatever was worked on in training certainly paid dividends as local rivals Peterborough Phantoms were hit for a magnificent nine on Sunday night.

It was a stunning attacking performance and followed on from a defensive masterclass on Saturday, when Slough were shut-out and beaten 4-0 at Planet Ice.

Lightning can now look forward to the end-of-season play-offs with confidence after their dip in form realistically ended chances of an English Premier League title.

The top eight-teams earn the chance to compete for the play-off title and with Lightning fifth they should be right in the mix.

Phantoms had not been beaten that heavily in over seven years and Lightning appear to be back at their devastating best.

Blaz Emersic fired MK in front before Peterborough levelled, and the second period was then complete domination at the Phantoms rink.

Four goals arrived in a blistering spell of just over five minutes thanks to Leigh Jamieson, Grant McPherson, Michael Wales and a second from Emersic.

Before the period was over Adam Carr and Matt Towalski had joined the growing list of goalscorers and a stunned Peterborough were 7-1 behind with the third still to play.

The tale of the second period was summed up with the count of shots on goal, as while Lightning registered 22 shots, visiting net minder Alex Mettam faced just one.

Emersic completed his hat-trick shortly into the final period and although Peterborough found the net twice more themselves, Jamieson's second of the game meant that it was cloud nine for Lightning.

Now, the aim will be to carry forward the confidence and momentum the four point weekend has provided.

This weekend sees a double header against Sheffield Steeldogs – who shut out Lightning twice in the EPL Cup semi- final – with the home game at Planet Ice on Saturday before a trip to Yorkshire on Sunday.

Poole said: "Challenging for the league title is a step too far for us now, so we can put more emphasis on performances and playing to our system.

"The next few weeks look fantastic, we can make some more improvements to our game and can also try new approaches, so we peak at the play-offs."

BASKETBALL

Lions owner fumes as losing feeling remains

Sheffield Sharks 110 Lions 87
Lions 88 Glasgow Rocks 101

Stefan Gill on the march against Glasgow. Picture: Ellie Merridale

LIONS owner Vince Macaulay was not a happy man after his side's losing streak stretched to five games in Sheffield on Friday night.

And his mood would not have improved after that run increased to six at home to Glasgow on Sunday.

While admitting that Lions were poor in Sheffield, it was the officials who incurred most of Macaulay's wrath.

Sharks, who only had six players at their disposal because of a sickness bug, threw 28 free-throws to the Lions three and the visitors were left feeling hard done by.

The game was described as a 'farce' on the Lions website after they conceded a massive 72 points in the second half. They were ahead 43-38 at the break.

Macaulay said: "Yes we were poor, very poor, as we didn't execute our sets nor pay attention to our assignments.

"But that aside, you can't say a 21-9 foul count was fair.

"As aggressive an offensive team as we are, we only got three free throws, which is alarming for us and for the league.

"I'm not sure how many people would pay to watch that kind of game."

New boy Justin Dobbins and Demarius Bolds were awarded technical fouls and the latter fouled out of the game late on.

By the end of the third quarter Lions trailed 74-60 – the inability to get to the free throw line proving to be a crucial factor.

Coach Mike New said that a top four finish in the British Basketball League was still very much the target last week but if the Lions are to get anywhere near that goal they will have to quickly reverse their recent slump.

They are currently seventh in the table, eight adrift of fourth placed Plymouth.

Perhaps more of a concern is that Lions are only two points ahead of Guildford and Cheshire, the teams below them, who have both played two games less than the city side.

Only the top eight teams contest the end of season play-offs so Lions cannot afford to slip any further down the table.

The Glasgow defeat also came after Lions led at the break, this time 47-46.

But the Rocks had a storming second half which saw them lead 70-64 at the end of the third quarter, an advantage which ballooned to 78-64 after turnovers.

Rocks controlled the tempo and Lions will be particularly upset about conceding over 100 points for two straight games.

Next up is a key home game with Guildford on Friday, tip-off at 7.30pm.

SPORTSSHORTS

RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY League has arrived in the city with the formation of the MK Wolves, a brand new club which will compete in the fourth tier Eastern League from April.

Over 30 players have already declared an interest but more are welcome, with an open evening scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday, March 7 for anybody keen above the age of 16.

The registration event takes place at the Emerson Valley Pavilion, which Wolves will call home alongside their rugby union counterparts.

Milton Keynes already boasts one of rugby league's biggest stars – Wigan and England's full-back Sam Tomkins – who was born in the city before moving north at a young age.

Andrew Quirke, the new club's chairman, said: "Rugby League is a rapidly growing in this region and it's only right that one of the fastest-growing sports in the country is played in one of its fastest-growing places."

Wolves will compete against teams like the Bedford Tigers, St Ives Roosters and Bury Titans in the Eastern League.

"At present we're simply looking to establish a senior team to compete in the Eastern League, but hopefully in the near future we'll be able to enter a second team for the Merit League," Mr Quirke said. "Once the senior side is established, we'd like to look at youth and junior set-ups."

For more information about the new club e-mail andrew.miltonkeynesrl@gmail.com.

RUGBY UNION

Aylesbury 3 Milton Keynes 27

MK MOVED up to second in the Southern Counties North after this away win, inspired by a strong second-half performance.

City made a lacklustre start and the score was just 3-3 at the break, but two tries from Kieran McConnell and scores from Dan Rolphe and Scott Aspinall saw them storm away after the interval.

Leaders Beaconsfield are five points ahead of MK at the top and have played a game less, as have rivals Windsor and Gove who are both just two points behind City.

Maidenhead 71 Olney 5

OLNEY continue to find themselves well adrift at the foot of South West 1 East after league leaders Maidenhead ran riot with 11 tries.

Salisbury 44 Bletchley 3

A PENALTY was all Bletchley had to show for their efforts as they were outclassed by Salisbury in this South West 1 East clash.

The Wiltshire club scored seven tries and posted 26 unanswered points in the second half.

HOCKEY

TWO goals from Jamie Dodd saw MK Men's 1sts pick up a valuable win over Oxford University.

The 2nds beat Bicester 4-1 but the 3rds went down 3-2 to Phoenix and Ranelagh 1sts.

There was another win for the Ladies' 1sts who beat Maidenhead 3-2 after battling back from 2-0 down.

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South coast success: Mathias Doumbe smashes home the only goal during Saturday's win at Bournemouth. More on page 78. Picture: Andy Handley.

Bentley for promotion drive?

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DONS want Tottenham winger David Bentley to become the second ex-England international to join the club this season.

The midfielder – a personal friend of Karl Robinson – has found it hard to break into the side at White Hart Lane over the past two years.

Both Bentley and Robinson share the same agent and the Dons boss would love to use his connections to lure the former Arsenal ace to stadiummk on loan.

Dons have already worked their magic to bring Alan Smith to Milton Keynes and another star name could be just the ticket for the club's hopes of Championship football next season.

Bentley, who boasts seven England caps, was loaned to West Ham at the start of this season but that deal was terminated after he suffered a serious knee injury which threatened to keep him out for up to six months.

He is still thought to be a month away from full fitness but he could potentially arrive for Dons' critical promotion run-in.

Robinson said: "He knows I want him here, but he's injured for another four weeks, so we'll see.

"It helps when you have the same agent, but it's got to be something that works for Tottenham.

"It's a long way off. We do know each other and I'd love him here, but I'd also like Steven Gerrard and Lionel Messi.

"If it happens, it happens, but if it doesn't it doesn't. It's not a case of what I want, it's a case of whether it can be done as a deal.

"Maybe the lure might be that if we are in the play-offs, he'll get some extra games."

Bentley is still Premier League quality according to Robinson, who has no doubts about his ability.

"He's got a number of assets and he's just a gifted footballer," the boss said.

"David's got tremendous delivery from set-pieces and is one of the best dead ball specialists in the Premier League, he's so talented.

"Maybe people will say that he's lost his way a little bit, but I know him and I think people have the completely wrong perception of him.

"I know him as a person and as a man and he deserves everything he gets in his career as he works so hard in training.

"He's a wonderful player and I've got tremendous respect for him."

It shows how far the club has come that bringing in such big names is even on the cards – Smith was attracted by Dons' philosophy of passing football.

Robinson said: "People see the style of football we play and respect us, and we've got a wonderful stadium which entices people."

Tav's filled the void after Smith's recall

JAMES Tavernier had some fairly large boots to fill when he arrived at Dons on-loan from Newcastle.

The right-back was drafted in from Tyneside on the last day of the January transfer window to replace the influential Adam Smith who was recalled out of the blue by parent club Tottenham.

Smith had arguably been Dons' best player of the campaign thanks to a number of striking displays up and down the right flank and a pair of wonder goals against Rochdale and Leyton Orient.

His departure was a major blow but Tavernier has slotted into the team with ease and has managed to impress himself.

England U21 star Smith was recalled so he could be loaned out again to Championship club Leeds, but the 20-year-old new boy's performances mean that his loss is no longer painful.

Interestingly, Smith has since returned to Tottenham from Leeds but Dons already have another forward-thinking right back to replace him.

"I know Adam played for England U21 so he must have made a good impression, but I'm going to rely on my own ability," Tavernier told MK NEWS.

"I know I'm a good enough player to slot straight in and bring out some really good performances."

Tavernier was a Dons target in the summer but he ended up going on-loan to Carlisle instead, before a further temporary switch to League One promotion rivals Sheffield Wednesday.

The Wednesday switch wasn't extended as he was playing in right-midfield, not in defence where Newcastle see his future.

"I've always been a defender but I can still get up and down the field and get involved in attacking play," he said.

"It's good to know that I'm here for the season so I can really push on, automatic promotion is still in reach."

His two loan spells mean Tavernier will come up against opposition he has faced before, although he admitted that he'd forgotten about playing Dons' most recent opponents Bournemouth with Carlisle.

Alan Smith – also on loan from Newcastle – is a friendly face at Dons for the new full-back, who is a Leeds fan.

"I used to watch him at Leeds when I was younger," Tavernier said.

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